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DIPLOMA HOLDER IN AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Diploma holders, Degree holders and unemployed persons from Agricultural Universities at present; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to provide employment opportunities in favour of these technical unemployed persons?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research/Department of Agricultural Research & Education provides financial assistance to the State Agricultural Universities, Deemed Universities, Central Universities having faculty of Agriculture and the Central Agricultural University for strengthening and development of agricultural education and coordinates higher agricultural education in India. These Agricultural Universities produce about 15,000 graduates and 7,000 postgraduates annually. According to the study conducted by the Institute of Applied Manpower Research (IAMR) in the year 2000, there were 43% of undergraduates and 23% postgraduates unemployed even up to one year of degree completion. There are 18 Universities/Institutes awarding Diploma in Agriculture and allied subjects. The total number of students enrolled for Diploma programme are about 13,400 annually. The Diploma programmes are for enhancement of skills of fresh as well as in-service candidates or for sel f-employment.

(b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research/Department of Agricultural Research & Education has launched programmes like experiential learning, hands-on-training, curricula revision, etc. so that the graduates and postgraduates produced by the Universities possess entrepreneurial skills and confidence to enhance their employability including self employment.